

providing a clear vision for economic development in the city. Mayor Haggerton was also among the first to offer regional assistance to the Oso, Arlington, and Darrington communities following the devastating State Route 530 mudslide in 2014. Throughout his tenure, Mayor Haggerton has served on multiple regional and national boards and always carried out his job with a passion for and commitment to helping others.

As our constituents in Washington State know, Mr. Haggerton had a genuine interest in learning about the issues facing those he was elected to serve. He has been an integral leader in Tukwila and played a critical role in shaping the city's history. I have no doubt that Mr. Haggerton's work in Tukwila and the greater Puget Sound region will have a lasting impact on generations for years to come.

Mrs. MURRAY. Mr. President, together Senator CANTWELL and I commend Mayor Haggerton for his longstanding dedication to public service. Over the past 30 years, Mayor Haggerton has always been an unwavering partner for the citizens of Tukwila, available with a friendly smile and positive attitude. We express our sincere gratitude, respect, and appreciation to Mr. Jim Haggerton for his service to the city and residents of Tukwila, South King County, and the State of Washington and for his friendship and partnership as we have worked with him in Washington, DC, on behalf of the people of the great State of Washington.

TRIBUTE TO DANIEL J. JONES

Mrs. FEINSTEIN. Mr. President, I wish to praise today the work of Mr. Daniel Jones, a member of the Senate Intelligence Committee staff, who is leaving the Senate tomorrow.

Many of us enter public service for the simple goal of making a difference. After knowing Dan for 9 years, I can say that he is one of the few people working here on Capitol Hill who has helped make history. Without his indefatigable work on the Intelligence Committee staff, the Senate report on the CIA's Detention and Interrogation Program would not have been completed, nor would its executive summary have been released to the public, an effort that led to the recent passage of critically important and long overdue anti-torture legislation.

Dan came to the Intelligence Committee in January 2007 from the Federal Bureau of Investigation, where he served as an intelligence analyst. In his first 2 years on the staff, he played a key role in overseeing counterterrorism efforts and the FBI's transition from a pure law enforcement agency to an intelligence agency—a transition that has proven instrumental to the Bureau's ability to identify and thwart numerous terrorist attacks over the past several years.

However, his service and focus shifted following the revelation in Decem-

ber 2007 that the CIA had previously destroyed interrogation videotapes that showed the brutal treatment and questioning of two detainees, Abu Zubaydah and Abd al-Rahim al-Nashiri. Then-Chairman Jay Rockefeller assigned Dan and fellow staffer Alissa Starzak to review the CIA cables describing those interrogation sessions. For the next several months, Dan worked at his full-time job at the committee while also working nights and weekends at CIA headquarters, poring through the cables.

The report that he and Alissa produced in early 2009 was graphic, and it was shocking. It demonstrated in documented fact and in the CIA's own words treatment by the U.S. Government that stood in contrast to our values and to what the committee had previously been led to believe. The report sparked a comprehensive investigation by the committee, with a 14-1 vote in March 2009, that Dan led and then saw through to its completion.

While carrying out the investigation into the CIA program, Dan also co-led the committee's investigation into the attempted bombing of Northwest Flight 253 over Detroit on Christmas Day 2009 by Umar Farouk Abdulmutallab. Five months later, the committee produced a bipartisan report that found 14 specific points of failure that resulted in Abdulmutallab being able to board the flight and attempt to detonate his explosive device at the direction of al-Qaida in the Arabian Peninsula. The report also made both classified and unclassified recommendations to improve our counterterrorism efforts.

But back to the investigation on the CIA Detention and Interrogation Program—to say that Dan worked diligently on this study is a gross understatement. He, along with other committee staff, worked day and night, often 7 days a week, from 2009 through December 2012. He became an expert in one of the most unfortunate activities in the history of our intelligence community, going through more than 6 million pages of materials produced for the study, as well as immersing himself in the anti-torture provisions in U.S. law, as well as human rights materials, and the background of other similar historic Senate investigations. Throughout this period, Dan regularly briefed me on the team's findings. Each time, I noted the obvious toll that this was taking on him physically, but he always remained committed to concluding the report.

From the end of 2012 through the end of 2014, Dan stewarded the report through two bipartisan committee votes, a lengthy period of review and meetings with the CIA, and an 8-month long redaction review leading to the release of the executive summary of the study on December 9, 2014. He then played a key role in enacting reforms following the release of the executive summary, in particular the passage of a provision in this year's National De-

fense Authorization Act that will prevent the future use of coercive interrogation techniques or indefinite, secret detention in the future.

While Dan is known most for his leadership on the CIA detention and interrogation review, his public service doesn't end there. Before his Federal service, Dan taught for Teach for America in an inner-city school in Baltimore, MD, and he has served on the board of his alma mater, Elizabethtown College. His dedication to service is also demonstrated by his two master's degrees, a master's of public policy from the Kennedy School of Government and a master's of arts in teaching from Johns Hopkins.

I want to use this opportunity to thank Dan Jones for his indispensable work over the past 9 years and to wish him the very best as he moves on to future endeavors.

TRIBUTE TO LEFFFRICH "TIM" MAYO, SR.

Mr. SESSIONS. Mr. President, today I wish to say goodbye to one of the great members of the staff of this institution, Lefffrich "Tim" Mayo, an exceptional individual with a deep devotion to the Senate, who retired from service on December 3, 2015, after over 35 years of service.

Tim, who some called "Mayo", began working at the U.S. Capitol in May of 1979 as a bus boy in the Senators dining room on the recommendation of a friend, the late Lawrence Green. Following that position, he held many positions in the Russell Building coffee shop, Senate labor division, and finally in the Architect of the Capitol's furniture division.

Tim really enjoyed working with Senators and their staff. He was exceptional at finding the perfect pieces of furniture that would fit the needs of Members and staff alike. If he knew you were looking for something in particular, he would search the warehouses until he found it. He knew every office and their styles and needs.

Tim would always greet you with a smile and a big hello. He was willing to help others no matter what the task or situation. Nothing was too challenging or difficult for him. He got great pleasure out of meeting new staff, visitors, and people from all over the world.

We will all miss Tim's smiling face and eager assistance in the Halls of the Senate, but also wish him the best as he moves on to bigger and better things in his retirement. Thank you, Mayo.

ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS

• Mr. DAINES. Mr. President, I want to recognize Rick Young, a proud veteran from Forsyth, MT. Montana is blessed with a rich legacy of service, and it is my honor to recognize not only Rick's service to our country, but

his work to make quality health care accessible for all Montana veterans.

Rick proudly served our country as a marine from January 1971 to January 1975. Unfortunately, his current illness requires constant care and attention. His wife, Sharon, long served as his primary round-the-clock caretaker and was confined to their home due to Rick's condition, which required an external ventilator to breathe at all times. Eventually his needs surpassed his ability to stay home, and he had to move into a long-term care facility.

While Rick was still at home, the Rosebud Health Care Center, RHCC, facility initiated a contract with the Department of Veterans Affairs, VA, to be able to provide care and services to veterans in its long-term care unit. The previous aging and resource center for Rosebud County was in Glendive, MT, about 1 hour and 40 minutes away from Rick's home in Forsyth, MT. Thankfully, RHCC received approval from the VA to provide care services close to home for Rick on November 1, 2015.

Rick's persistence and advocacy throughout his illness helped serve as the catalyst for RHCC establishing a contract with the VA that allows for veterans to receive long-term care in Forsyth. Our State has one of the largest populations of veterans per capita, and Rick's efforts have led the VA to create additional resources to help to provide health care services to Montana's extensive veteran population.

I am so proud to have advocates like Rick and Sharon fighting for veterans in Montana. Through his inspiring work to increase veterans' access to care, Rick Young has created an unmatched legacy that will leave a lasting mark on our State. Keep fighting, Rick. I am rooting for you.●

TRIBUTE TO MAYOR JOE RILEY

● Mr. GRAHAM. Mr. President, I wish to speak today about Mayor Joe Riley, who is retiring after decades of service to the people of Charleston, SC.

Simply put, Joe Riley is one of the best mayors in America and a living legend in South Carolina political history. He is a hard-working, dedicated public servant who has spent most of his adult life serving the people of Charleston. I have never known anyone who loves their job more than he.

Years ago, Mayor Riley came into office with a vision for Charleston, but like all great leaders, he understood he couldn't do it alone. He went to work doing what he does best—bringing people together for the common good.

Now, as he retires from serving as mayor of the city he loves, the revitalization of this historic city is absolutely stunning. Thanks to his years of service, Charleston is now recognized as one of the best destinations to visit, not only in the United States but in the world.

Joe Riley will go down in history as a transformative mayor who turned his

vision for Charleston into reality. We are all better because of his service.●

TRIBUTE TO PAUL KOESTER

● Mr. HELLER. Mr. President, today I wish to congratulate Paul Koester on his retirement after over 41 years of service to the U.S. Air Force. It gives me great pleasure to recognize his years of dedication to protecting our country and our State.

Mr. Koester grew up in Colorado Springs, CO, and later enlisted in the U.S. Air Force in 1974 with the intention of serving 4 years as a jet engine mechanic. During his time in basic training, he decided to change course and test to become a pararescue airman. After successfully passing his training, he spent the next 4 years at Elmendorf Air Force Base in Alaska as part of the 71st Aerospace Rescue and Recovery Squadron. During his time serving in this squadron, he was credited with saving over 75 lives.

From 1980 to 1986, Mr. Koester served at McClellan Air Force Base in California and Little Rock Air Force Base in Arkansas. He soon after decided to join the Air National Guard. For the next 16 years, Mr. Koester served in the 102nd Rescue Squadron at Francis S. Gabreski Air National Guard Base in New York. On September 11, 2001, Mr. Koester and his squadron assisted as first responders during the collapse of the World Trade Center, aiding in saving the lives of many victims of the attack. His bravery and selflessness during this time of crisis will never be forgotten.

Three weeks later, Mr. Koester was deployed to the border of Kuwait and Iraq to serve as part of Operation Southern Watch. Following his return from this mission, Mr. Koester made the decision to resume Active Duty and was sent to Nellis Air Force Base in 2003 as part of the 58th Rescue Squadron. He concluded his service with this unit after 12 years of service. At his 60th birthday celebration, Mr. Koester was recognized as the oldest enlisted member actively serving in the Air Force and the longest serving pararescue airman with 13 deployments throughout his career. Our country and the Silver State are fortunate to have had someone of such dedication serving to protect our freedoms.

As a member of the Senate Veterans' Affairs Committee, I have had no greater honor than the opportunity to engage with the men and women who served in our Nation's military. I recognize Congress has a responsibility not only to honor the brave individuals who serve our Nation, but also to ensure they are cared for when they return home. I remain committed to upholding this promise for veterans like Mr. Koester in Nevada and throughout the Nation.

Mr. Koester has demonstrated professionalism, commitment to excellence, and dedication to the highest standards of the U.S. Air Force. I am proud to

call him a fellow Nevadan, and I ask my colleagues to join me today in recognizing Mr. Koester for his years of service and in congratulating him on his retirement. I wish him well in all of his future endeavors.●

CONGRATULATING BILL LANDON

● Mr. HELLER. Mr. President, today I wish to congratulate Bill Landon on receiving the 2015 Air and Surface Transport Nurses Association Lynn Stevens Excellence in Safety Award. It gives me great pleasure to see him receive this prestigious award after years of hard work within northern Nevada.

In 1998, Mr. Landon began his air ambulance career in Greeley, CO. In 2003, he joined Care Flight in Reno and has since served as safety and training coordinator and flight paramedic. During his time at Care Flight, he has been a key contributor in the founding of a formalized safety committee, which meets twice a month and is comprised of medical flight staff pilots, air communication specialists, managers, and maintenance personnel. This important committee, chaired by Mr. Landon, works to review, develop, and implement safety initiatives for Care Flight and those that it serves. As chair, Mr. Landon spearheads important safety trainings, including an annual training for hospital emergency departments, pre-hospital agencies, and ski patrols servicing a 40,000 square mile area. His unwavering dedication to Care Flight in Reno has helped provide hundreds of hours of safety and medical training needed to save lives throughout northern Nevada. His work for our State is invaluable.

The Lynn Steven's Excellence in Safety Award goes to individuals who have gone above and beyond in the transportation community to promote safety awareness. This accolade is truly prestigious and attained by only the most influential members in this community. Since 1981, Care Flight has served northern Nevada's health organizations as an important resource for transportation with flight paramedics and pilots to respond to a variety of medical emergencies. Our State is fortunate to have someone like Mr. Landon serving Care Flight and its safety initiatives.

Throughout his tenure, Mr. Landon has demonstrated professionalism, commitment to excellence, and dedication to his trade. I am honored by his service and am proud to call him a fellow Nevadan. Today, I ask all of my colleagues to join me in congratulating Mr. Landon on receiving this award, and I extend my deepest appreciation for all that he has done for many across northern Nevada. I offer him my best wishes in his role as safety and training coordinator in the future.●

TRIBUTE TO KRISTI BLACKLER

● Mr. ROUNDS. Mr. President, today I recognize Kristi Blackler, an